

## RULE

### Department of Social Services Office of Family Support

#### Establishment of Paternity (LAC 67:III.2705)

The Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, has amended LAC 67:III, Subpart 4, Support Enforcement Services (SES), the child support enforcement program.

Pursuant to Act 954 of the Regular Session of the 1995 Louisiana Legislature, SES is directed to take action on the paternity information form completed by the mother of an illegitimate child and provided to SES by hospitals or the Vital Records Registry. This rule establishes the agency's role in the administrative process of establishing paternity.

#### **Title 67**

#### **SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### **Part III. Office of Family Support**

#### **Subpart 4. Support Enforcement Services**

#### **Chapter 27. General Program Administration**

#### **Subchapter A. Establishment of Paternity**

#### **§2705. Administrative Process for Establishing Paternity**

Upon receipt of a Paternity Declaration Form, Support Enforcement Services will notify the alleged father by certified mail that he has been named as father of the child and that he has 90 days to contest the allegation. If the alleged father fails to contest the allegation in writing within this time frame, he shall be presumed to be the father of the child for support purposes only. The agency or the custodial parent may then proceed with establishing a support order.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 40:34 (E).

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